BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

HB 1798, as introduced, requires a network company (defined as a business that uses a digital network to connect consumers with delivery of consumer goods, food, or transportation) require an individual seeking to act as a provider for the company to submit an application. The network company would then be required to complete a local and national criminal history search.

The measure prohibits a network company from permitting an individual to act as a provider who:

- Has been convicted within the past 2 years of driving under the influence;
- Has been convicted within the past 7 years of fraud, sexual offenses, use of a motor vehicle to commit a felony, a crime involving property damage, theft, acts of violence or acts of terror;
- Is a match in the National Sex Offender Registry of Oklahoma Sex and Violent Offender Registry;
- Does not possess a valid driver license;
- Does not possess current proof of vehicle registration for the motor vehicle used to provide network company services;
- Does not possess proof of automobile liability insurance required by law for the vehicle used to provide prearranged rides; or
- Is not at least 18 years of age.

The bill requires the network company's software application to display a current picture of the provider and certain information on the vehicle they utilize. A network company must implement a zero-tolerance policy against providers permitting persons other than the company-authorized provider from providing services, and implement a procedure for periodic identification checks to verify that the person authorized by the company is providing the services.

Finally, a network company would be prohibited from disclosing a consumer's personally identifiable information to a third party without the consumer's consent, unless required be a legal obligation or required to protect or defend the terms of use of the service.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1798, as introduced, creates the Network Company Services Act.

The measure would expand the scope of the duties of the Attorney General's office. The Attorney General would be authorized to investigate complaints of violations of the Network Company Services Act.

Upon review and with consultation from the Attorney General's office, the measure is complaint driven and the impact is minimal.

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Other Considerations

None.

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